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BALCONY SQUARE
scarborough college
Thursday February 22, 1973

CAST YOUR BALLET NOW FOLKS!

New Credit System to begin in Summer '73

Student Council Elections

Once again the Student Council elections are in full swing. With speeches on Tuesday the 27th at 12:00 noon and voting days on Wednesday the 28th and Thursday the 1st there promises to be intensive campaigning by all candidates. This is the second year that the Council has used the "rep. by Pop." system.Each first year student votes for 2nd. year reps., 2nd. for 3rd., etc. In addition all students vote for TWO Vice Presidents and of course, for the President.

In some ways the SCSC is a completely unknown organization. Largely this is because it is a volunteer organization. Aside from one or two members being employed in the summer no elected members are paid for his or her time spent on the Council. Many people don't vote in Council elections because they think that Council is nothing more than a Social Club which puts on dances, concerts and pubs. However that is not all we do. SCSC members serve on every College Committee and it is in the Committees where decisions that affect your academic future are made.

For instance, Bus and Parking Fees, Incidental fees, use of athletic facilities, which courses are added or dropped whether or not summer courses count towards your degree, are all determined by Committees. When most committee votes are decided by about 15 members, 4 of which are SCSC members, the importance of the student vote becomes crucial.Your vote in the SCSC elections determines who will help make these decisions.

No one is suggesting that 2000 people step forward to seek 18 elected positions but if only a dozen people run for office the element of popular support goes by the wayside and with it goes the ability to deal from strength. If you don't run, at least support and vote for someone who is.

The College is facing difficult problems.Students are affected by those problems. Perhaps through the election of council members not all our problems can be solved. But if we do not at least try to solve them, who will? The answer is no one.

Let your position be recorded. Vote now and if things go wrong you can criticize. People deserve the kind of government they vote for. So come on out on the 28th and 1st and vote for the candidates. Its important enough to take the time.

David Onley

The Future

Thursday February 22

Well folks you all know what happens at the Pub on Thursday night. It's another famous pub starring all the regular soles behind the bar The pubs have been getting a little wild lately so it might be a good idea to take it easy this week. Entertainment will be provided by a band starring Paul C., Fred & Phil, and I promise that after the tremendous response of last week, we will not have the Fox back to perform.

Friday, February 23

The Social Commission of the Student Council is pleased to present another fine show for all the students of this wonderful College. CHRISTOPHER KEARNEY and his band PEMMICAN will be playing in the Meeting Place on Friday night at 8:30 pm. Tickets are only $2.00. SUCH A DEAL!!!! Come on out and have a great time.

Friday, March 3,1973

Cinescar for their last movie of the season presents LITTLE BIG MAN,starring Dustin Hoffman and Greg Fitz. More next week.

Scarborough College will be on a "credit system" beginning in the summer session of 1973. Students will be able to take up to six full courses for credit each year, and will be able to take up to two full courses for credit in the summer. The College's proposal for a credit system received the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee of the University on Tuesday February 6th.

Under the new system students taking an extra course during the year and taking two courses in each of two summers will be able to earn a fifteen credit degree (formerly a three-year degree) in two calender years. Similarly by earning extra course credits during the year and by taking summer courses, students will be able to complete a twenty credit (four year) degree in three calender years.

Until now students were permitted to take only five courses for credit each calander year. No degree credit was given for extra courses during the regular year or during the summer unless these courses were being taken to make up for courses previously failed. Five courses will still be recommended as the "normal" load during the year.

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Crappus Scores

Due to the lack of a regular sports feature in this issue we are pleased to present the result of Sunday's Crappus Corners hockey game.

Once again Crappus triumphed aided by outstanding performances from Captain China, Coffee Shop Bill, and Ronald. S.B. and Hack also played well while the Wacker was able to break a four game scoring drought by tickling the twines twice in the contest.

For the losers Garbage Bag and Hynes both put in their usual good performances but the team suffered from cry baby tactics that will no doubt hurt their reputation about the fans. Billy Mac was having puck control problems while both Michael and rookie Vince played adequately, but when the buzzer rang Crappus All-Stars were once again victorious.

Action resumes again next Sunday night when the All Stars will again be challenged and will have to once more prove their talent.

thoughts on editing a newspaper

Hello friends right across this great land of ours and welcome to another weakly edition of Balcony Square,the College newspaper or scandal sheet.I hope that everyone had a fine holiday or otherwise, which leads me right into this week's column telling what you will and sometimes won't find in the issue. Anyway here it goes again.

First of all I am pleased to have the chance to introduce you all to a new feature in the paper, the Travel Section. This week our first contribution is from an ethnic member of the community who along with two "whities" recently explored a little known section of this fine province of ours. Look elsewhere in the issue for the report and photo from Captain China.

Again this week Ron Anderson is back with some more news for stamp fans as well as an idea for a stamp club.

After promising him for weeks that I would include his stuff Larry Sadler finally makes it into print as does Don Allen.

World renowned poetry expert Norm Hacking (my former friend before that last remark) has given me some of what he calls his mushy love poetry. As well thanks to Bernie Fiedler he was able to see John Prine at the great music centre Massey Hall. He presents his thoughts on the evening's entertainment in this issue.

Let's see, what else is there. Of course I have a few details about the changes in the course selection programme for future years. Read all about it first in Balcony Square folks and fools.Also there is news from Prof. Kirkness about a study that is being done to evaluate the quality of undergraduate education at the College.

There is no real sports section today because I never got around to asking Terry if she had anything. However there is the first of a regular series of Crappus Corners hockey action scores from the famous Sunday night games.

I think that that is about all for this week except for the Student Council elections coming up next week. Also come on out on Friday night to hear CHRISTOPHER KEARNEY in the Meeting Place for it's really a great deal for only two dollars ($2.00). See you on Friday night folks, but if for some strange reason you don't make it here the paper will be out again next week with a review of all the past week's exciting events.

BALCONY SQUARE

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Under the new system students may also take fewer than five courses, combining part-time work with university study. Previously this option was open only to "Extension" students who were restricted to taking a maximum of three courses each year and two each summer. While part-time students in extension could do no more than 3 courses, full-time students had to do at least five courses; as a result,any programme from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 courses was impossible. Students will probably still be required to be studying full-time and to take at least four courses to qualify for OSAP student loans and grants

The new system will not be applied retroactively.Students will not be given credit for extra courses taken this year and previously, again unless they were taken to make up for previous failures.

The credit system proposals must still be approved by the University's Governing Council. However, with the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee, College officials are confident that Governing Council approval will be forthcoming.

CONCERT WITH COMMENTARY III

ELECTRONIC MUSIC
by Arel & Sullivan

H-214

WED. FEBRUARY 28TH

12:00 NOON-1:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

john prine at massey hall

I picked through the ashes
Of the torch singers song
And I ordered my money around
For whiskey and pain
Both taste the same
During the time they go down
-the Torch Singer

With several thousand packs of Salem cigarettes stuck in the back of his throat, John Prine walked out to the middle of the Massey Hall concert stage and attempted to sing.Somehow he did.

This was the man they were starting to call the new Dylan. He wore the compulsory denims and boots, had the compulsory adoring audience willing to overlook the various bad notes, forgotten lines, and not-quite-on tunings, and had in his song bag the expected preponderence of "losing" songs which have become the modern folk idiom.

But Prine manages to elevate the idiom because of his total lack of pretension, his sense of humour and fun, and because of a genius of expression of complex thoughts with simple words.It was Dylan without the sneer, Dylan with a Hic-cup and a rummy smile.

The songs were about torch singers and bars, empty train stations, and about America the beautiful, now became the great compromise. The characters in the stories were people facing changes and trying in their own way to cope. Sam Stone, returning home from Vietnam with a habit . . .

Sam Stone's welcome home
Didn't last too long
He went to work when he'd spend his last dime
And Sammy took to stealin'
When he got that empty feelin'
For a hundred dollar habit, without overtime
But the "gold" rolled through his veins
Like a thousand railroad trains
And eased his mind in the hours that he chose
While the kids ran around wearin' other peoples clothes.

Prine sang most of his songs from his first two albums and came back to do as his encore, a medley of Hank Williams tunes. And while he sang it almost seemed like the dusty streets of the Last Picture Show were the backdrop. There was a feeling of loss.All the small town values and all the small dreams were being pushed aside in the great compromise. Peabody's Coal Company had hauled away Prine's hometown of Paradise in Mulenberg County. Now it seemed the only way to hang on, to save those days, was with the songs he sang. They lasted well into the cold of the early February morning . . .

All the snow has turned to water
Christmas days have come and gone
Broken toys and faded colours
Are all that's left to linger on
Memories they can't be boughten
They can't be won at carnivals for free
Well it took me years
To get those souvenirs
And I don't know how they slipped away from me.

Norm Hacking

STAMP CORNER

ron anderson

Have you ever opened up your album or one of those celophane envelopes to find your entire collection of the Canadian Unity Issue pasted neatly on the pages, or your twelve spare 1949 King George VI coil stamps all gummed together? What I suggest you do is place waxed paper behind the stamps. If any moisture gets at them the waxed paper will peel off very easily. Try it with a new 6¢ stamp.

What I use in conjunction with the above system for album pages are those new "magnetic photo pages". They can be bought in a variety of forms: 3 ring, 2 post and the multi ringed type that come in photo albums.The stamps can be placed on waxed paper and sealed in without the use of stamp hinges (they reduce the value of uncirculated stamps). The cheapest and most versatile of these pages in my opinion is the 3 ring variety.They cost $1.19 for four sheets (8 pages). The two post type is slightly larger but cost $2.00 for five sheets, 5¢ more per page. If you get the three ring variety, I suggest you buy the kind with the white tape on the outside edge. All varieties of the magnetic picture pages are available in Coles or other book stores. The Scarborough College book store has the 3 ring variety that I do not suggest you use unless desperate (the plastic film can come off the outside edge making it difficult to return the page to normal). They are made by BADER, These will also cut down moisture damage.

I think it would be a good idea if we start a stamp club at the College. We could call it the Scarborough College Stamp Club (?), or intellectuals might suggest the S.C. Philatelic Society or if you are interested leave your name at the Balcony Square Office in care of the Stamp Corner. If there are a few of us, we can get together to trade stamps and info.(It will also tell me if anyone reads the column besides Chris and I)

IN CONCERT

CHRISTOPHER KEARNEY

with Pemmican

friday feb. 23rd.

Meeting Place

8.30 pm

$2.00

poetry & mysterious writing

LOVE STORY

(2 POEMS)

He lay on a deathbed of leaves
The Knight in shining armour
Breathing only for a prayer
To his Lady
"Please save me"

She knelt beside the fallen
Seeing only what was strong
And now was dying
"I shall" she murmured to the growing dusk

He who came to her all hope
All faith to strengthen
To heal her wounds
To carry her to kingdoms come
Now lying broken down, no strength
No hope but a last reaching
For the one to save his soul
Fast now fast sinking sinking down
And fearing himself a fool
So broken

She took the time of angels it seemed
To look down from the sky upon his face
with no pity no regret
"If there be a certainty,
'tis that we shall love
Yet."
And with those words her hand upon the potion
Not strained but smoothly drank it down
And settled with a kiss
Her head beside his head
To lie beneath a melting moon
And become the ground

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You say I am strong
In ways that is true
But the final smile
The final sin
The final sunset
That is you

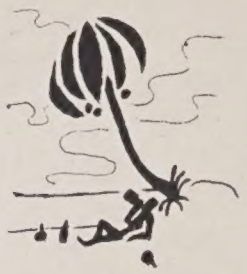
N.H.

I am standing in front of a moving car. It is autumn. I turn my head back, lean it to the side away from the car. My eyes remain fixed on a corner patch of lawn, lit green and shiny from the rain. A few leaves edge out of my field of vision. "Enobarbus?" So I am wrong. The sky is very grey behind the very grey trees.For one second nothing changed.

Today I have come to the library for Kafka's diaries. The weather requires it. Small mysterious chapters blow from the trees into my field of vision. They shine grey from the rain. Caught in the field of dry grass. Like the day between my jaws.Who is responsible for these mysterious writings?

The twenty mile song is over and the winter has begun. Again the car is moving. An old and dying saint, spirit in boots searching between his shoulders who? Who dies? Memorize the surface of this paper now while it was still winter. Before the snow melts fron the letters and leaves. Marlon Brando passes the car and pullsinto a small southern town where he will die in a Paris rooming house. Birds fly past.

TRAVEL SECTION



Exploring Tweed

by captain china

It all started as a joke I suppose but looking back now I realize what warped senses of humour we all must have. To spend the weekend at Tweed's Winter Carnival was our objective - to find it was one of the most difficult goals any human could hope to achieve. The town of Tweed (pop.1800) lies on highway 37, about 25 miles NE of Belleville. It's one of your typical sleepy little hamlets where nothing much ever happens and when something does happen (like breaking your leg, or having some friends over from a nearby sleepy little hamlet) everyone knows about by reading the weekly paper.

This is the story of the Tweed Expeditionary Force (T.E.F.) consisting of three of S.C.'s lesser known radio personalities. My colleagues were Ken(The Entertainer) Dusenbury and Steve (The Far-Out Glove) Glover. My name's Rick.

It all started Friday night - the glistening lights of the "pretty city" beckoned - and since we had to answer nature's call - naturally we stopped for a short visit at Ma Glover's in Belleville. Having satisfied our desires (or most of them at least) we set off again for the capital of moral depravity and social degeneration of all Hastings County (if not Ontario) TWEED.Since we missed the gala extravaganza which was to initiate the weekend's activities - the much advertised and unprecedented (unwanted ???) torchlight parade down Tweed Tweed's Main Street - we immediately sallied forth to check out the town's one and only drinking hole - the Tweedsmuir Hotel. From our table, with a commanding view of the goings-on, we started the rumour that the parade committee chairman had really outdone his predecessor this year, seeing that two torches had never been used in the parade before. Ken admitted he thought the idea of having the midnight torchlight at 3:00 pm was an excellent idea, knowing that children love parades so much, and also because it is so much brighter outside at 3:00 pm than at midnight.

In the midst of such subversive activities, my eyes chanced upon two sweet young bodies my hands would have loved to chance upon: it was Barb and Teija from Toronto, who along with Lorie and another Barb had also come up for the weekend. After establishing initial contacts and receiving the promises of some heavy dope (illicit narcotics, ed.) at a party in nearby Roslin from Danny the Quimbie, we bade a quick (unhesitatingly, at that) adieu to Tweed with the promise of more far out happenings in the morning. Realizing Tweedites can get a rush from smoking elactic bands, we aborted the freak show in Roslin and headed instead for the show in Belleville (held nightly at the Timmy Horton donut hole on Highway 14, 1½ miles south of 401.) Steve the Glove introduced us to his friends, some of whom included none other than Gunther the Wierd and a fine far out hippie freak artist friend named Bob, who shared a drinkin' and a sippin' with us (but no dope). And so it went - Saturday was much the same - looking for the carnival events, finding none and going for a sit and sip spell in the Tweedsmuir. Saturday we ventured up to Marmora -a little one whore's town about 25 miles NW of Bellevilee - to experience the Hub Romm of the Royal Hotel. It was there we met Bob - an incredible fellow with size 12 feet (and an I.Q. not half as large) who was described by one of the women as "not too bright but a lot of fun."

The rest is just a bad memory. With proper treatment,lots of understanding, compassion and love we're confident the emotional scars will heal and the Tweed campaign will soon be only a haunting memory of a nightmare we experienced once too often.

Thanks to Ma & Pa Glover and all the little Glovers for all their generous hospitality, to "Blue Max" for getting us back alive and lastly, thank God we're not stuck in Tweed with the Toronto blues again, cause it was the worst trip we've ever been on. (Ed. note: the last line in this story should be credited to Bob Dylan (Blonde on Blonde) and the Beach Boys Sloop John B-Pet Sounds respectively.)

In this corner

larry sadler

Several different appraisals of Richard Nixon's peace strategy have recently risen to the surface However this reporter has uncovered the true goings on that took place behind closed doors in Paris. Before I go on however I think it best to review several key facts.First of all North Vietman's key negoitaor is a secret fan of John Wayne that bubbling bombastic bigoted boorish and typical example of American male promiscuity. Le Duc Thou is a Duke fan, so much so that "Le Doc" as he is affectionately known has learned to swagger and to drawl such American euphanisisms as "Gosh darn" and"Yo". (The rumour was circulated earlier this year that "The Doc" practiced some unusual exercises in his room at night.However thsi reporter has totally discredited the story of his parading around in only a Texas truss and elevated cowboy boots, shouting "Keep those cows moving".)

Henry Kissinger on the other hand is a fan of another type. He is Washington's Diplomat, the position one attains through experience and beating David Eisenhower at 13 consecutive games of "Monopoly". He attributes his success with the ladies to the great talent he has of imitiating Dr. Strangelove and Adolf Hitler in addition to the fact that he is rich and powerful. Henry is quite a gambler as well for he loves to hover on as many lofty tightropes as possible.

(See part 2 next week. Well folks, wil Will Henry fall? What is he wearing on his lofty perch? And another thing, he doesn't really have ballet feet, does he now? Ed. comments)

The Captain's cohorts cavort in Carnivalland.